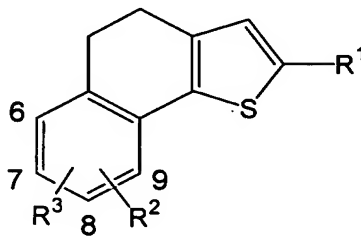


ABSTRACT

A 4,5-dihydronaphtho[1,2-b]thiophene derivative expressed by the formula:



(wherein R^1 is a C_1 to C_{10} 1-hydroxyalkyl group or a C_1 to C_{10} acyl group, and R^2 and R^3

5 separately substitute in the 6-, 7-, 8-, or 9-positions, and are each independently a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a C_1 to C_{10} alkyl group, a hydroxy group, a C_1 to C_{10} alkoxy group, a C_1 to C_5 alkenyloxy group, a C_1 to C_5 alkynyloxy group, a benzyloxy group, or the like, provided that when R^1 is an acyl group and R^2 is a hydrogen atom, then R^3 is neither a hydrogen atom nor an acetyl group), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. This is a
10 novel compound that is effective in reducing triglyceride levels in the liver and reducing blood glucose levels.